

Upcoming Conferences

KDLA Youth Services Virtual Conference

September 29-30

Sessions will include: Sensory Storytelling for Children with Special Needs, Our Stories Are Our Power: A Writer's Workshop, Going Digital with STEAM, So You Want to Build a Digital Escape Room, Cultivating Protective Libraries in Times of Trauma, and MORE!

Register here: <https://kdla.wufoo.com/forms/xvxeni40llyeav/>

Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services Virtual Conference

October 13-16

Join in the celebration of ABOS' 15th anniversary at this year's virtual conference!

The program will include:

- 36 educational programs by peers and vendors; 9 workshop time slots which will offer 4 programs in different areas of Outreach
- Access to vendors and sponsors, featuring special prizes and games
- Virtual tours of bookmobiles, factories, and a special library tour
- Interactive presentation on developing senior memory kits, sponsored by MEternally

Registration and more information at <https://www.abos-outreach.com/event-3915798>

Kentucky Library Association Conference

October 15-16; pre-conference for library trustees on October 14

Registration for the 2020 Kentucky Library Association virtual conference has opened! This year's theme, ***Libraries: United We Stand***, serves as a reminder that by working together and supporting each other's efforts, we can forge the libraries, the communities, and the world in which we want to work and live. All library trustees are invited to attend the conference, and sessions will count toward KDLA Trustee Certification renewal requirements. October 14 is focused on topics for trustees seeking their initial trustee certification—attending this preconference will fulfill all trustee initial certification requirements. See the conference dashboard for the full schedule and the registration link: <https://www.klaonline.org/conreg990.cfm>

REALM Project Updates

OCLC, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Battelle are conducting research on how long the COVID-19 virus survives on materials that are prevalent in libraries, archives, and museums. The project will draw upon the research to produce authoritative, science-based information on how—or if—materials can be handled to mitigate exposure to staff and visitors. So far, tests have been run on fifteen common library materials: everything from various types of book covers, to DVDs and DVD cases, to magazines and newspapers, and more. Visit <https://www.webjunction.org/explore-topics/COVID-19-research-project.html> for more information on the project, research timeline, and committee members.

KDLA Website Spotlight: Kentucky Talking Book Library

The Kentucky Talking Book Library (KTBL) provides free library service to people who cannot read traditional print because they have a visual, physical, or reading disability. Audio and Braille materials are sent to and from users by postage-free mail, or can be downloaded from the internet. A special Talking Book player is provided on loan. KTBL has been in operation since 1969 and is part of a national network of libraries administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a branch of the Library of Congress.

<https://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/talkingbook/Pages/default.aspx>